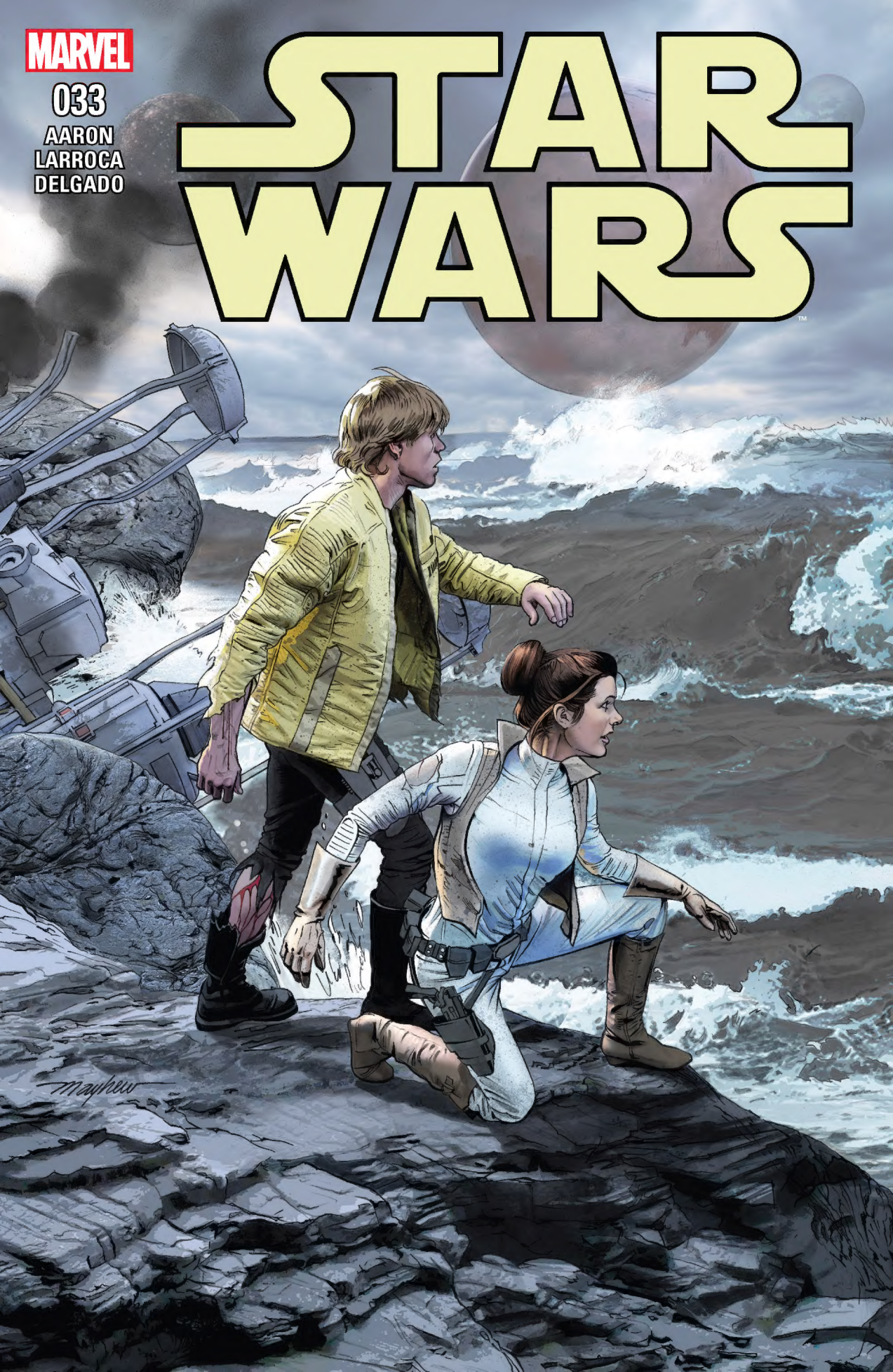
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# REBELS IN THE WILD

*It is a time of turmoil for the galaxy. While the evil Galactic Empire remains strong, the Rebel Alliance continues to fight for freedom.*

*Luke Skywalker struggles with his destiny. He can feel the Force, but lacks the training to become a Jedi Knight. When Doctor Aphra approaches him with an artifact containing the consciousness of an ancient Jedi, Luke accompanies her to the Citadel of Ktath'atn. Overcome with telepathic parasites, Luke is able to overcome their control and free the people of the Citadel along with Rebellion leader Princess Leia.*

*Despite this, danger still lurks as the surviving parasites aren't the only ones hunting for Luke and Leia....*


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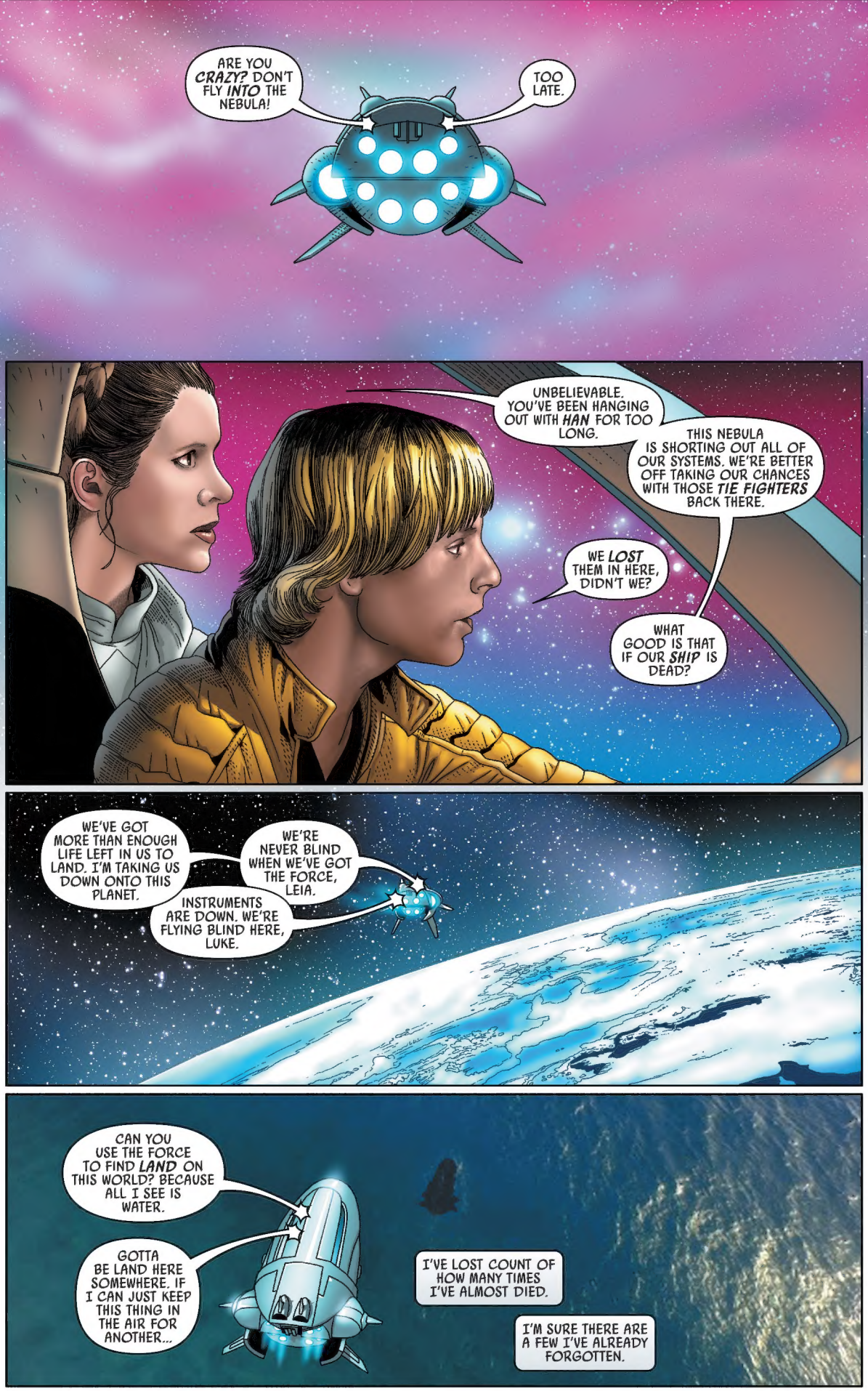
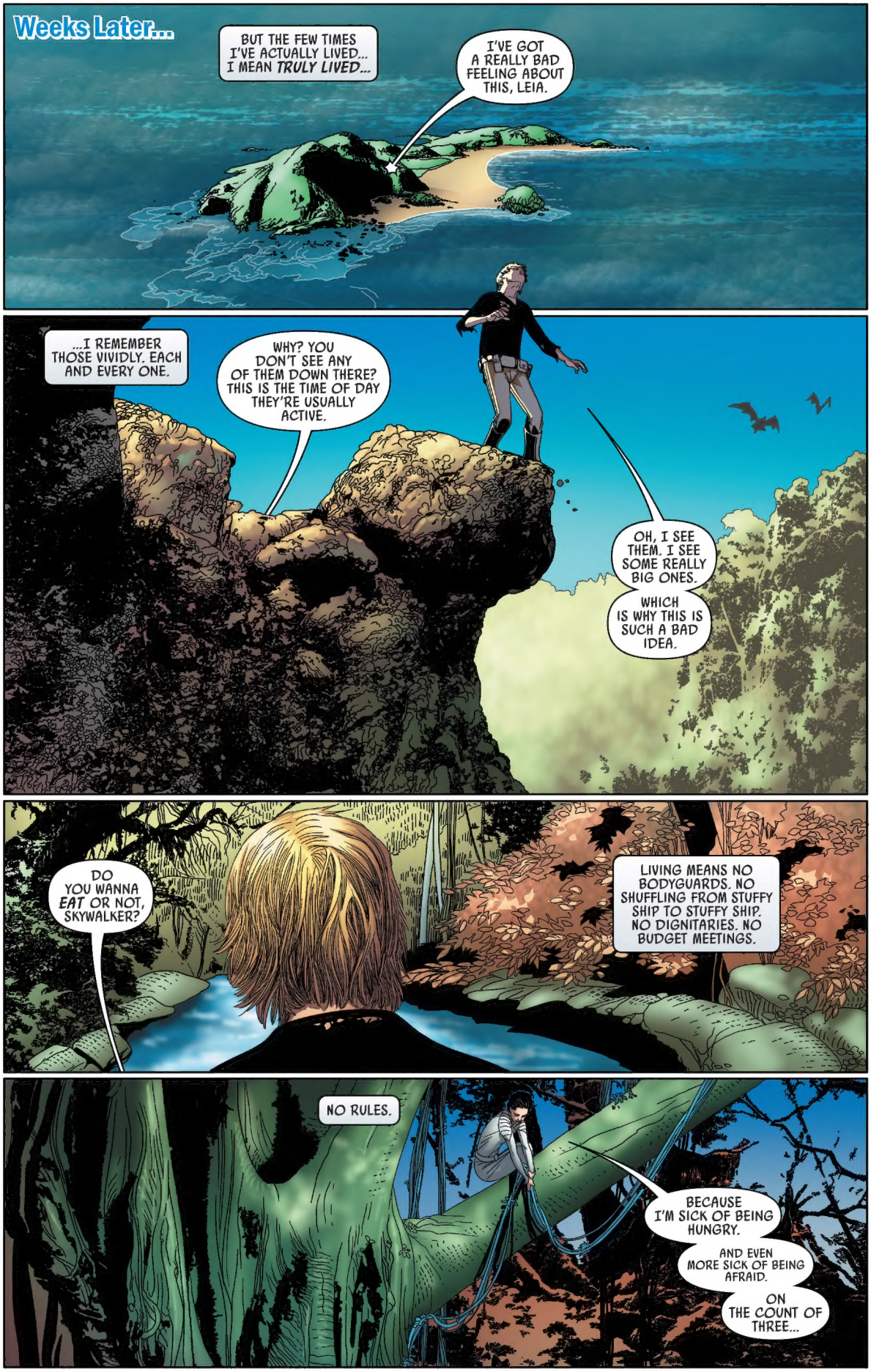
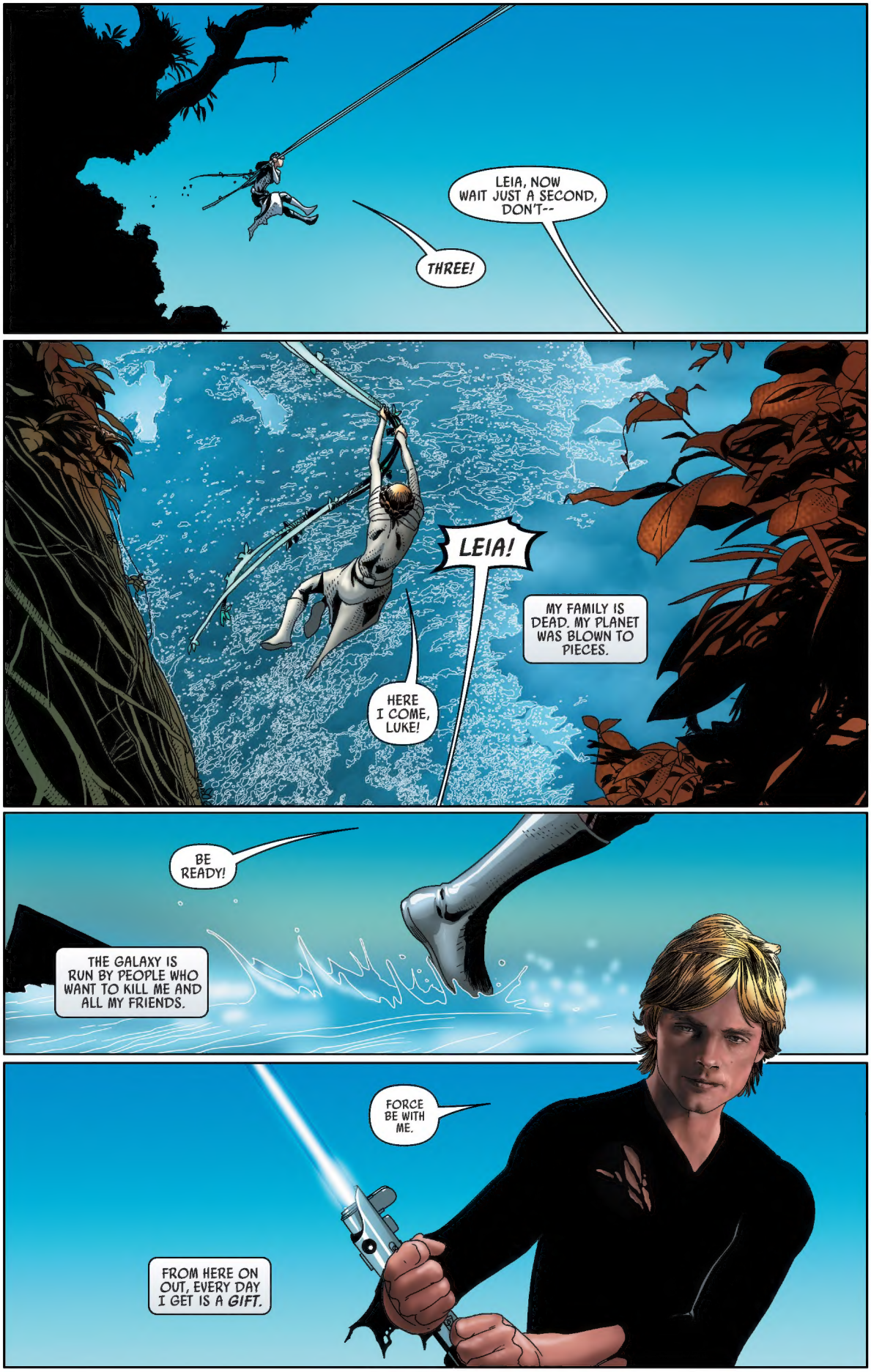
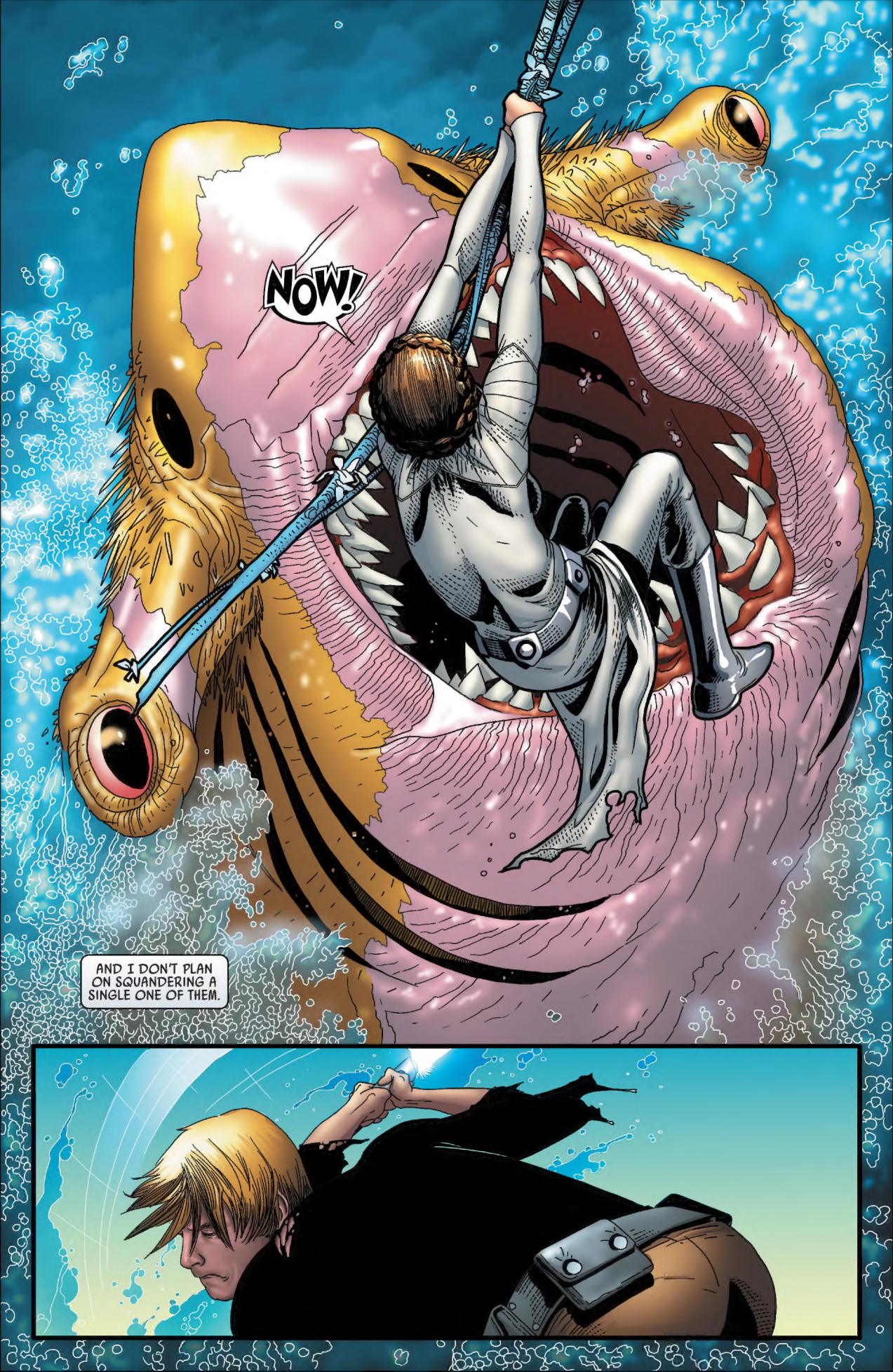
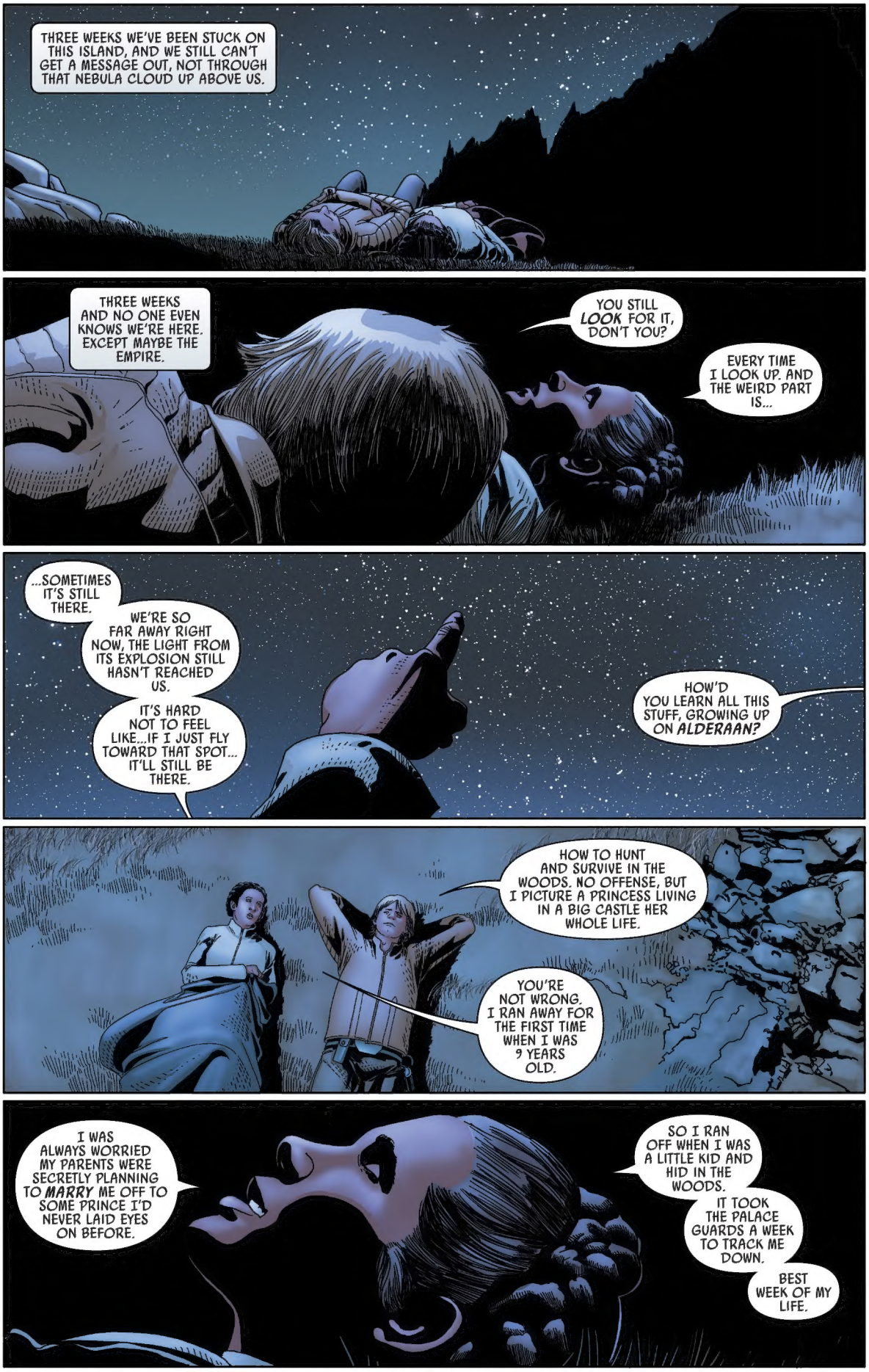

ARE YOU CRAZY? DON'T FLY INTO THE NEBULA!
TOO LATE.
UNBELIEVABLE. YOU'VE BEEN HANGING OUT WITH HAN FOR TOO LONG.
THIS NEBULA IS SHORTING OUT ALL OF OUR SYSTEMS. WE'RE BETTER OFF TAKING OUR CHANCES WITH THOSE TIE FIGHTERS BACK THERE.
WE LOST THEM IN HERE, DIDN'T WE?
WHAT GOOD IS THAT IF OUR SHIP IS DEAD?
WE'VE GOT MORE THAN ENOUGH LIFE LEFT IN US TO LAND. I'M TAKING US DOWN ONTO THIS PLANET.
WE'RE NEVER BLIND WHEN WE'VE GOT THE FORCE, LEIA.
INSTRUMENTS ARE DOWN. WE'RE FLYING BLIND HERE, LUKE.
CAN YOU USE THE FORCE TO FIND LAND ON THIS WORLD? BECAUSE ALL I SEE IS WATER.
GOTTA BE LAND HERE SOMEWHERE. IF I CAN JUST KEEP THIS THING IN THE AIR FOR ANOTHER...
I'VE LOST COUNT OF HOW MANY TIMES I'VE ALMOST DIED.
I'M SURE THERE ARE A FEW I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN.


Weeks Later...
BUT THE FEW TIMES I'VE ACTUALLY LIVED... I MEAN TRULY LIVED...
I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, LEIA.
...I REMEMBER THOSE VIVIDLY. EACH AND EVERY ONE.
WHY? YOU DON'T SEE ANY OF THEM DOWN THERE? THIS IS THE TIME OF DAY THEY'RE USUALLY ACTIVE.
OH, I SEE THEM. I SEE SOME REALLY BIG ONES.
WHICH IS WHY THIS IS SUCH A BAD IDEA.
DO YOU WANNA EAT OR NOT, SKYWALKER?
LIVING MEANS NO BODYGUARDS. NO SHUFFLING FROM STUFFY SHIP TO STUFFY SHIP. NO DIGNITARIES. NO BUDGET MEETINGS.
NO RULES.
BECAUSE I'M SICK OF BEING HUNGRY.
AND EVEN MORE SICK OF BEING AFRAID.
ON THE COUNT OF THREE...

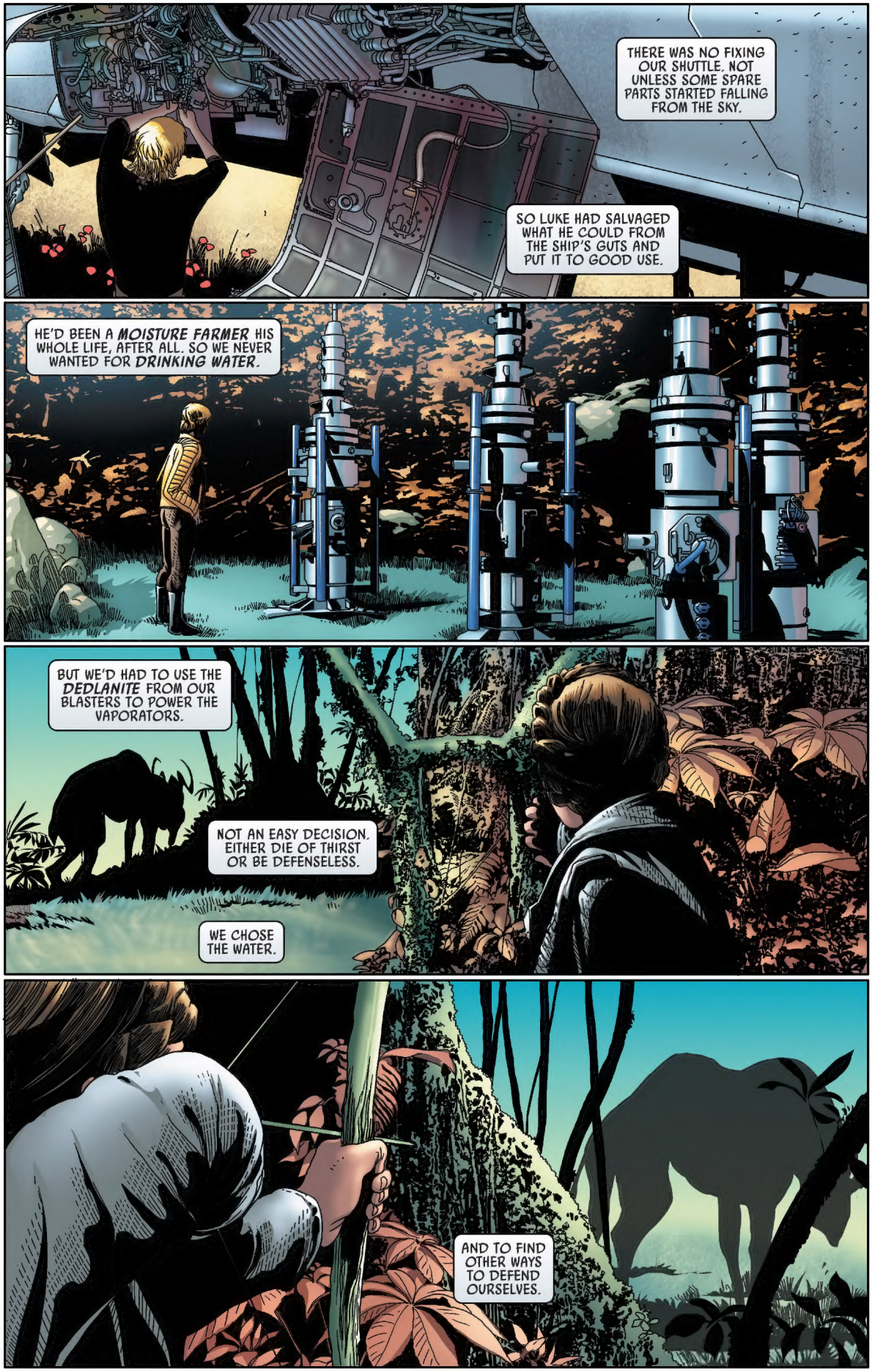

LEIA, NOW WAIT JUST A SECOND, DON'T--
THREE!
LEIA!
HERE I COME, LUKE!
MY FAMILY IS DEAD. MY PLANET WAS BLOWN TO PIECES.
BE READY!
THE GALAXY IS RUN BY PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KILL ME AND ALL MY FRIENDS.
FORCE BE WITH ME.
FROM HERE ON OUT, EVERY DAY I GET IS A GIFT.

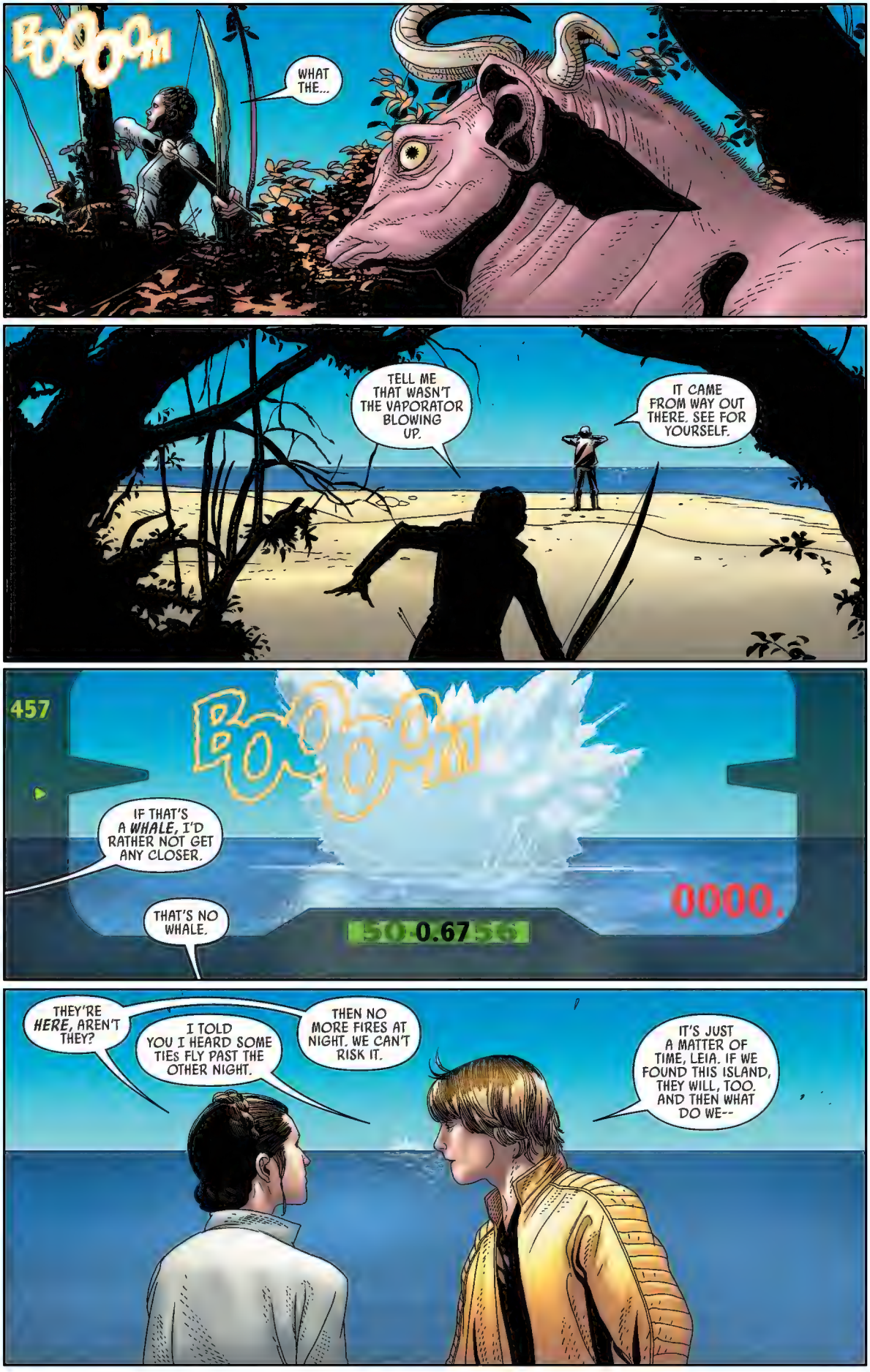

NOW!
AND I DON'T PLAN ON SQUANDERING A SINGLE ONE OF THEM.

SEE? TOLD YOU.
JUST A SIMPLE LITTLE BIT OF *FISHING*, THAT'S ALL.
NOT BAD FOR A FARM BOY AND A PRINCESS.
RIGHT.
YOU SURE ARE THE *CRAZIEST* PRINCESS I'VE EVER MET.
THANKS.
THAT'S THE SWEETEST THING YOU'VE EVER SAID TO ME.
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A ROUTINE MISSION. PICKING UP SOME SUPPLIES FOR THE REBEL FLEET.
AND IT *WAS* ROUTINE. UNTIL THOSE TIE FIGHTERS SHOWED UP.


THREE WEEKS WE'VE BEEN STUCK ON THIS ISLAND, AND WE STILL CAN'T GET A MESSAGE OUT, NOT THROUGH THAT NEBULA CLOUD UP ABOVE US.
THREE WEEKS AND NO ONE EVEN KNOWS WE'RE HERE. EXCEPT MAYBE THE EMPIRE.
YOU STILL *LOOK* FOR IT, DON'T YOU?
EVERY TIME I LOOK UP. AND THE WEIRD PART IS...
...SOMETIMES IT'S STILL THERE.
WE'RE SO FAR AWAY RIGHT NOW, THE LIGHT FROM ITS EXPLOSION STILL HASN'T REACHED US.
IT'S HARD NOT TO FEEL LIKE...IF I JUST FLY TOWARD THAT SPOT... IT'LL STILL BE THERE.
HOW'D YOU LEARN ALL THIS STUFF, GROWING UP ON *ALDERAAN?*
HOW TO HUNT AND SURVIVE IN THE WOODS. NO OFFENSE, BUT I PICTURE A PRINCESS LIVING IN A BIG CASTLE HER WHOLE LIFE.
YOU'RE NOT WRONG. I RAN AWAY FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN I WAS 9 YEARS OLD.
I WAS ALWAYS WORRIED MY PARENTS WERE SECRETLY PLANNING TO *MARRY* ME OFF TO SOME PRINCE I'D NEVER LAID EYES ON BEFORE.
SO I RAN OFF WHEN I WAS A LITTLE KID AND HID IN THE WOODS.
IT TOOK THE PALACE GUARDS A WEEK TO TRACK ME DOWN.
BEST WEEK OF MY LIFE.

I RAN AWAY MORE TIMES THAN I CAN COUNT.
NEVER GOT VERY FAR, THOUGH. THERE AREN'T MANY PLACES TO HIDE ON TATOOINE.
YOUR WORLD BEING GONE, I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THAT MUST BE LIKE. BUT EVEN THOUGH MINE'S STILL THERE, IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE HOME ANYMORE.
IT NEVER REALLY DID, I GUESS.
OUR FAMILIES ARE DEAD BECAUSE OF THE EMPIRE. BUT LOOK AT ALL THOSE STARS, LUKE.
THERE ARE SO MANY WORLDS OUT THERE, WITH PEOPLE JUST LIKE US, STARING UP INTO THE SAME SKIES, DREAMING THE SAME DREAMS.
ABOUT PEACE. ABOUT A BETTER FUTURE.
WE MIGHT BOTH BE ORPHANS, BUT THERE'S ONE THING WE'LL NEVER BE.
AND WHAT'S THAT?
ALONE.


THERE WAS NO FIXING OUR SHUTTLE. NOT UNLESS SOME SPARE PARTS STARTED FALLING FROM THE SKY.
SO LUKE HAD SALVAGED WHAT HE COULD FROM THE SHIP'S GUTS AND PUT IT TO GOOD USE.
HE'D BEEN A *MOISTURE FARMER* HIS WHOLE LIFE, AFTER ALL. SO WE NEVER WANTED FOR *DRINKING WATER*.
BUT WE'D HAD TO USE THE *DEDLANITE* FROM OUR BLASTERS TO POWER THE VAPORATORS.
NOT AN EASY DECISION. EITHER DIE OF THIRST OR BE DEFENSELESS.
WE CHOSE THE WATER.
AND TO FIND OTHER WAYS TO DEFEND OURSELVES.


BOOOM
WHAT THE...
TELL ME THAT WASN'T THE VAPORATOR BLOWING UP.
IT CAME FROM WAY OUT THERE. SEE FOR YOURSELF.
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BOOOM
IF THAT'S A WHALE, I'D RATHER NOT GET ANY CLOSER.
THAT'S NO WHALE.
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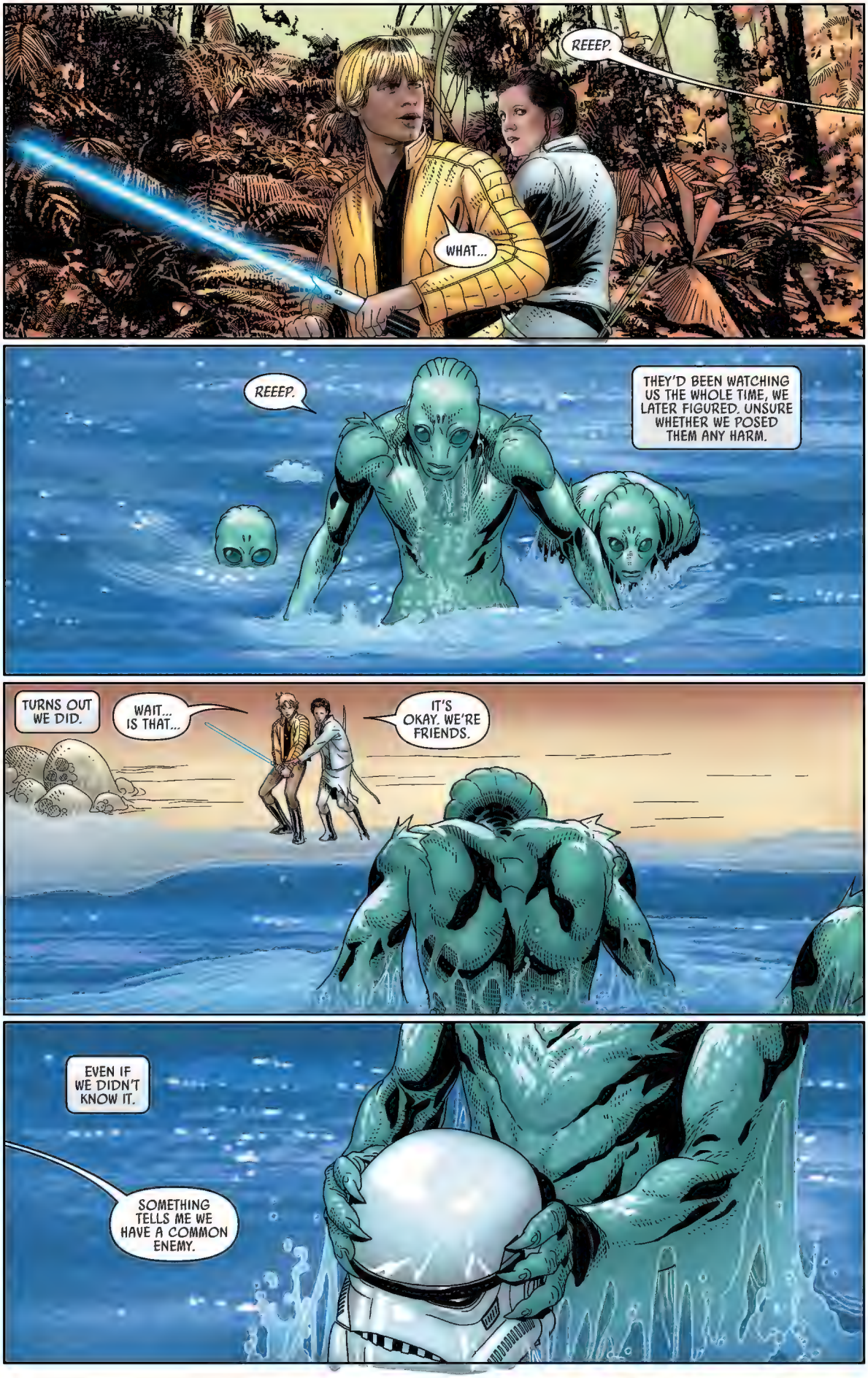
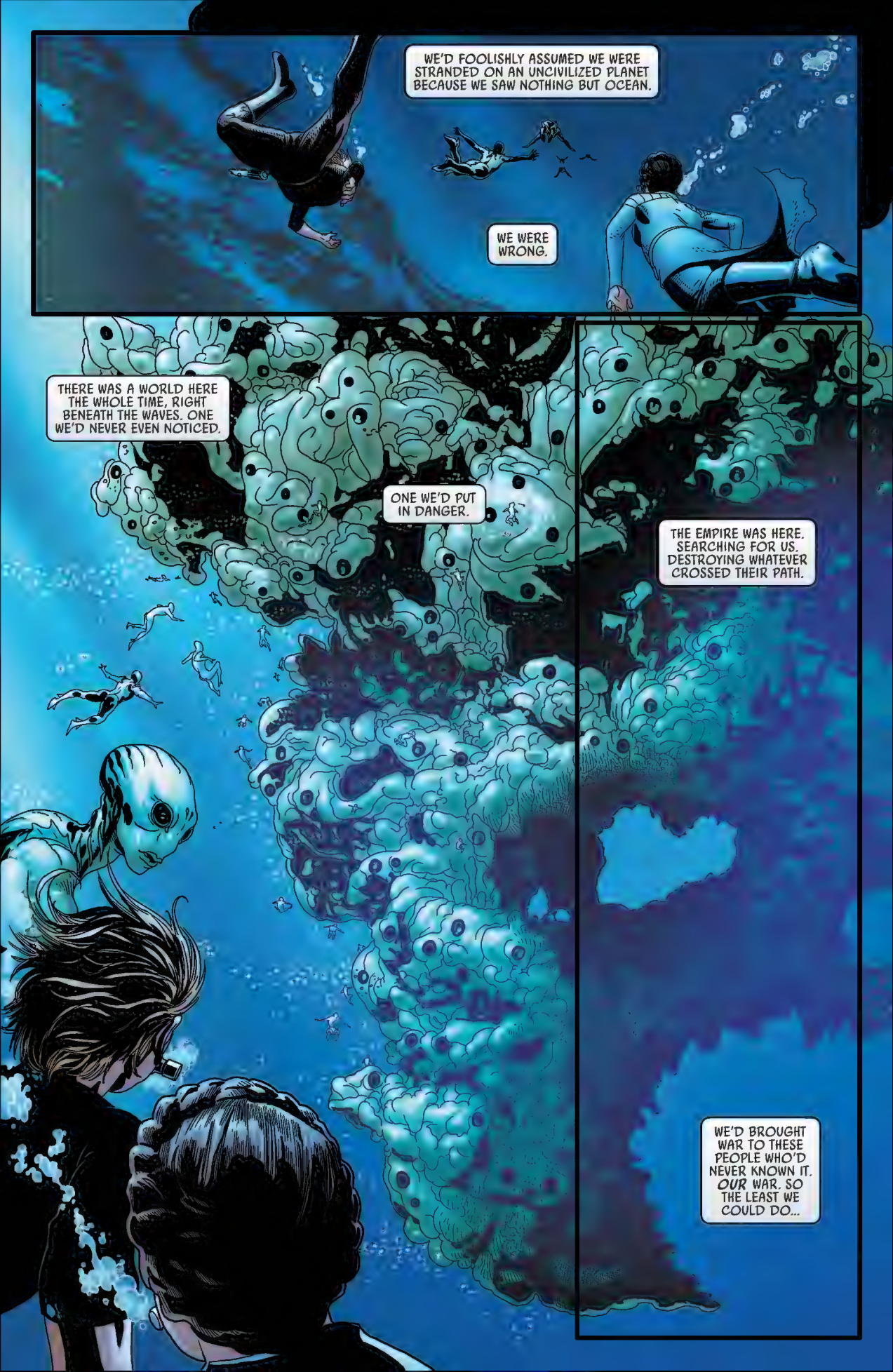
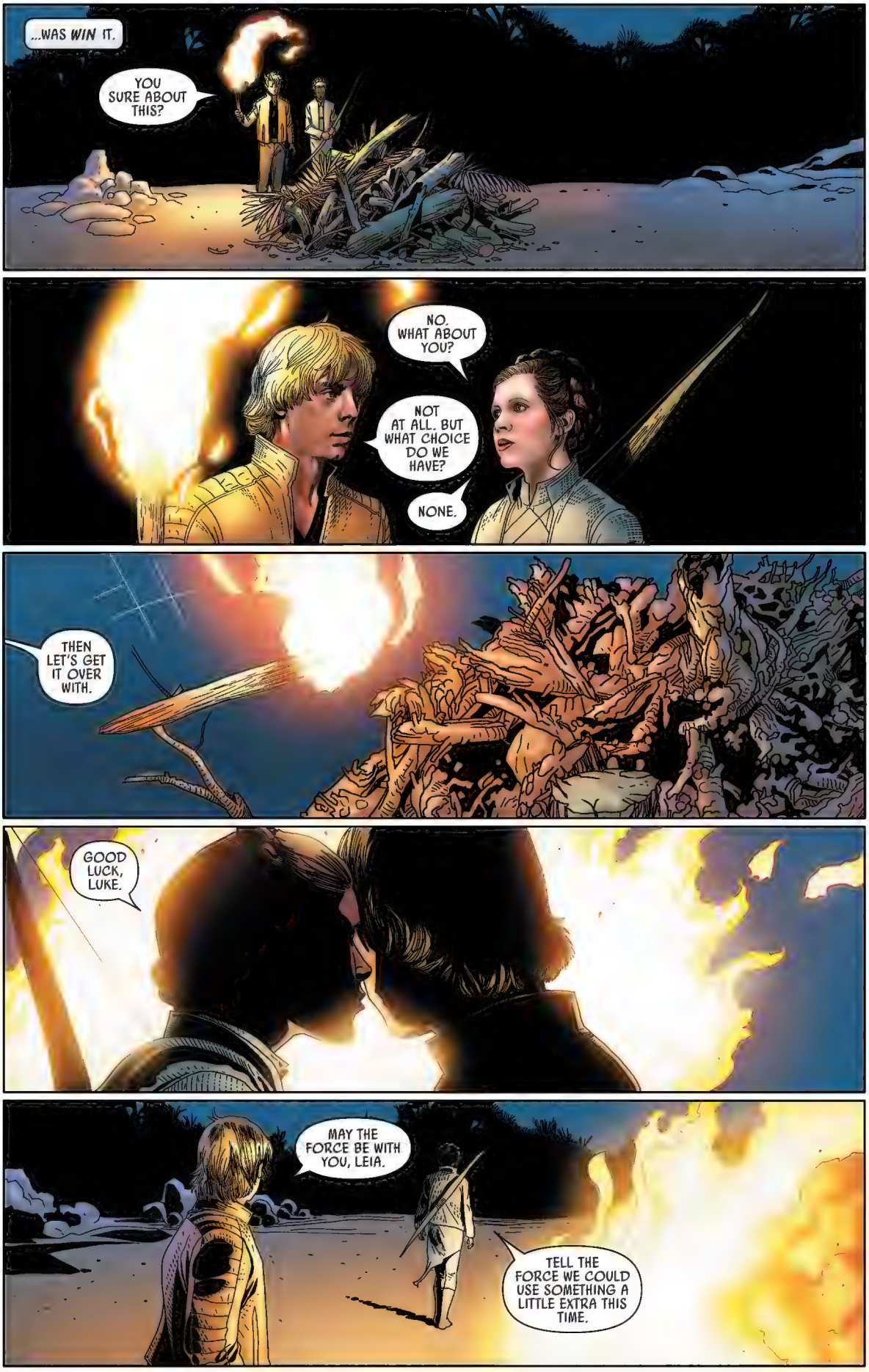
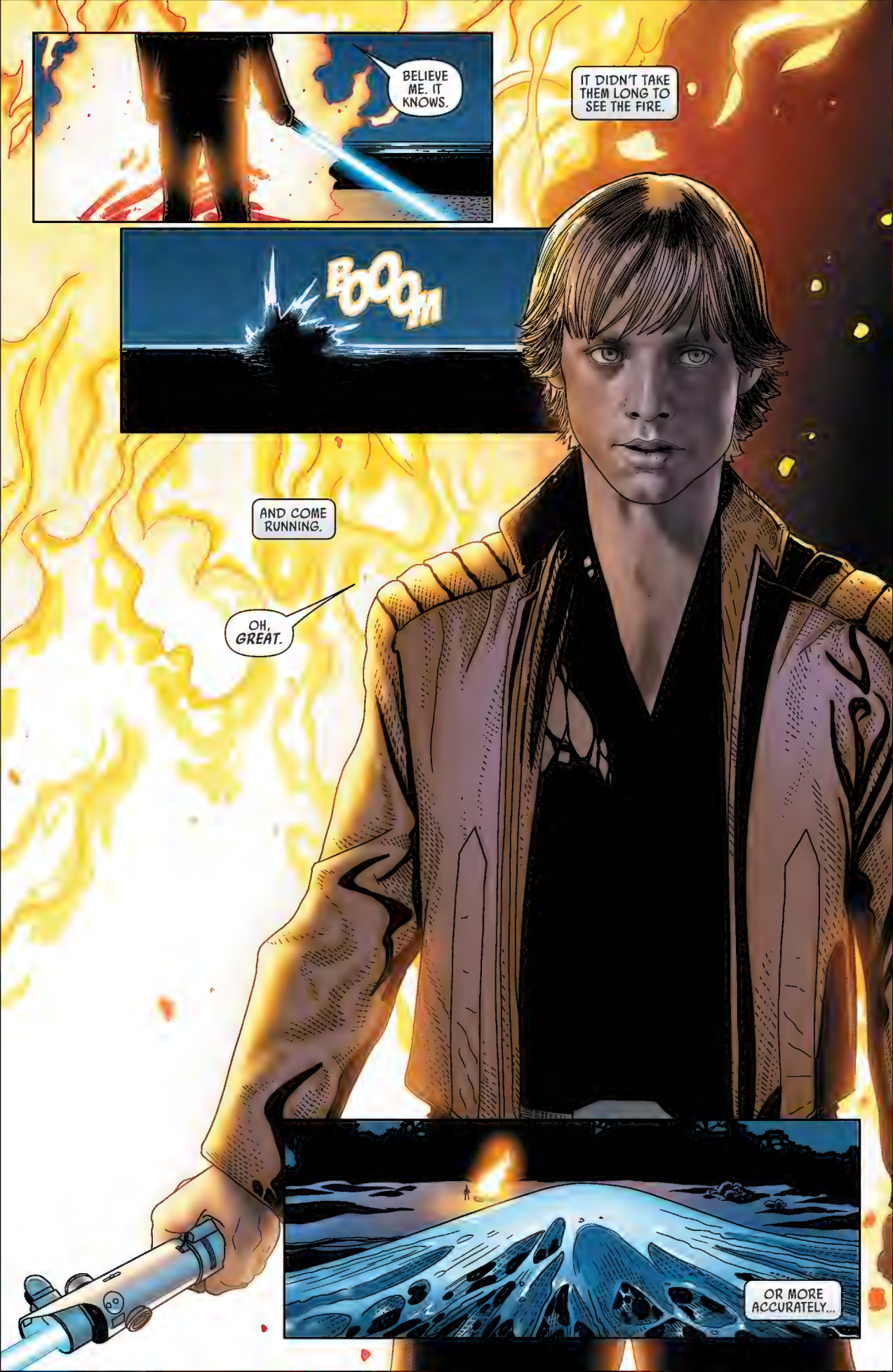
THEY'RE HERE, AREN'T THEY?
I TOLD YOU I HEARD SOME TIES FLY PAST THE OTHER NIGHT.
THEN NO MORE FIRES AT NIGHT. WE CAN'T RISK IT.
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME, LEIA. IF WE FOUND THIS ISLAND, THEY WILL, TOO. AND THEN WHAT DO WE--


REEEP.
WHAT...
REEEP.
THEY'D BEEN WATCHING US THE WHOLE TIME, WE LATER FIGURED. UNSURE WHETHER WE POSED THEM ANY HARM.
TURNS OUT WE DID.
WAIT... IS THAT...
IT'S OKAY. WE'RE FRIENDS.
EVEN IF WE DIDN'T KNOW IT.
SOMETHING TELLS ME WE HAVE A COMMON ENEMY.


WE'D FOOLISHLY ASSUMED WE WERE STRANDED ON AN UNCIVILIZED PLANET BECAUSE WE SAW NOTHING BUT OCEAN.
WE WERE WRONG.
THERE WAS A WORLD HERE THE WHOLE TIME, RIGHT BENEATH THE WAVES. ONE WE'D NEVER EVEN NOTICED.
ONE WE'D PUT IN DANGER.
THE EMPIRE WAS HERE. SEARCHING FOR US. DESTROYING WHATEVER CROSSED THEIR PATH.
WE'D BROUGHT WAR TO THESE PEOPLE WHO'D NEVER KNOWN IT. *OUR* WAR. SO THE LEAST WE COULD DO...


...WAS WIN IT.
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
NO. WHAT ABOUT YOU?
NOT AT ALL. BUT WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE?
NONE.
THEN LET'S GET IT OVER WITH.
GOOD LUCK, LUKE.
MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU, LEIA.
TELL THE FORCE WE COULD USE SOMETHING A LITTLE EXTRA THIS TIME.

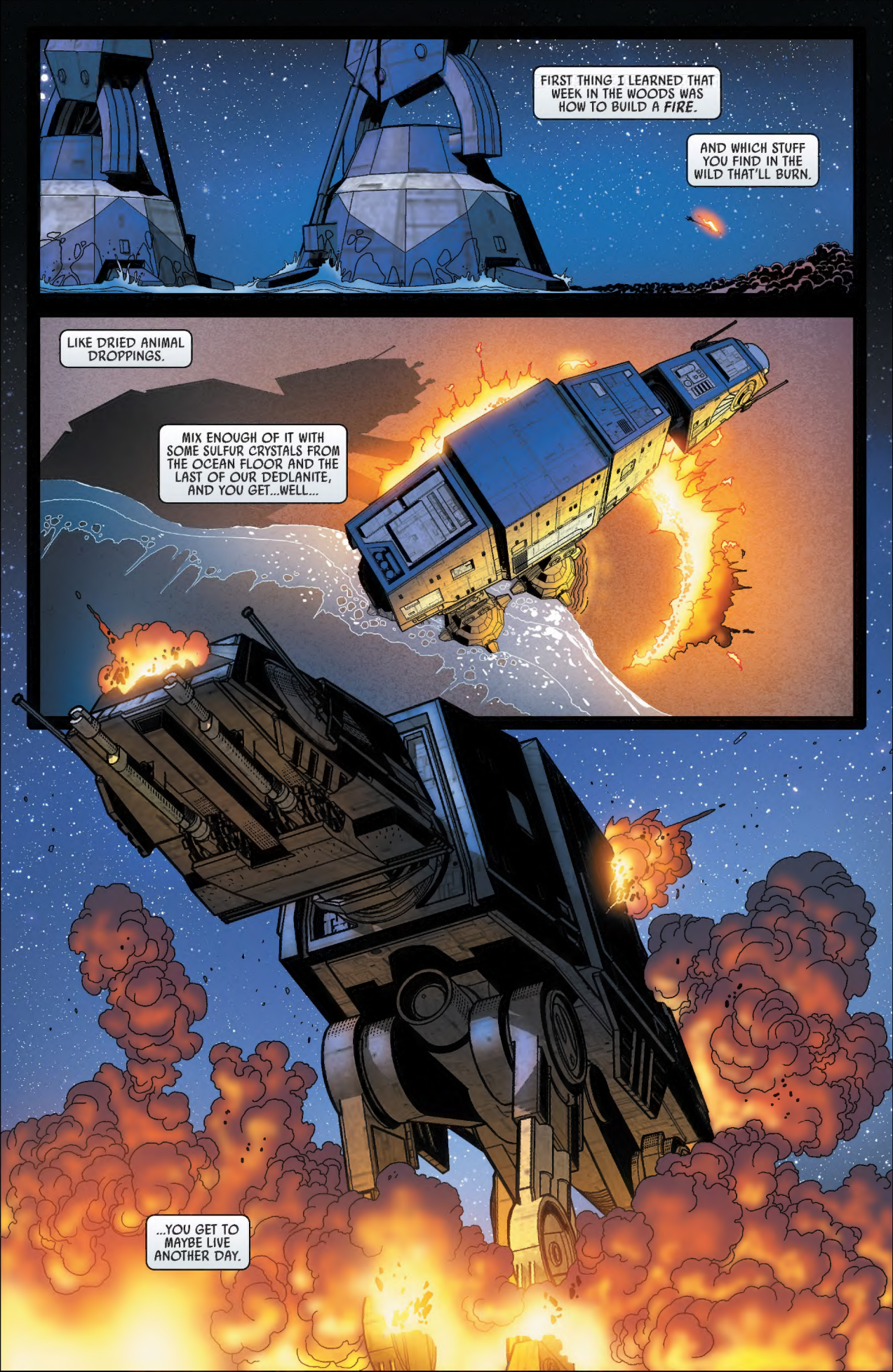

BELIEVE ME. IT KNOWS.
IT DIDN'T TAKE THEM LONG TO SEE THE FIRE.
BOOM
AND COME RUNNING.
OH, GREAT.
OR MORE ACCURATELY...

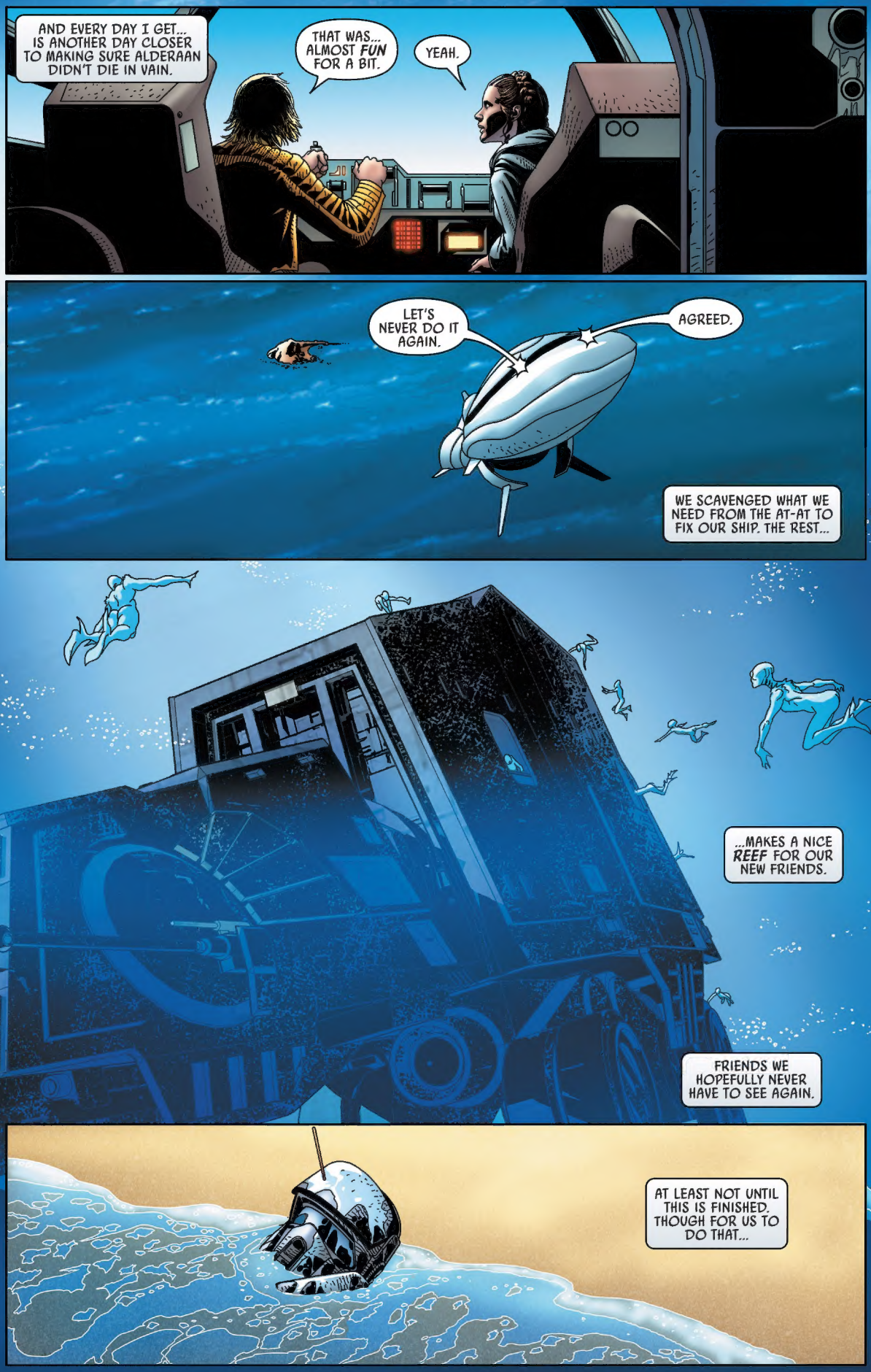
...COME WALKING.

SPREAD OUT. FIND THEM. KILL ANYTHING THAT MOVES.
AND BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR--
SMMK
GAAAAGHH!
QUILLS FROM THE SPIKESHARK. SHARP ENOUGH TO PIERCE EVEN IMPERIAL ARMOR.
AND DIPPED IN PARALYTIC SHELLFISH TOXIN.

LEAVE THEM! KEEP MOVING!
WE'D BEEN SAVING THAT FOR THREE WEEKS. THAT WAS OUR BEST *FIRST SHOT.*
OUR SECOND SHOT WASN'T BAD, EITHER.
WHAT THE...
LOOK OUT, HE'S GOT A--
*GAARRRGGHH!*
BUT NEITHER WAS *THEIRS.*

ANY TIME NOW, LEIA!
NO, DAD.
I'M STILL NOT SORRY I RAN AWAY.


FIRST THING I LEARNED THAT WEEK IN THE WOODS WAS HOW TO BUILD A *FIRE*.
AND WHICH STUFF YOU FIND IN THE WILD THAT'LL BURN.
LIKE DRIED ANIMAL DROPPINGS.
MIX ENOUGH OF IT WITH SOME SULFUR CRYSTALS FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR AND THE LAST OF OUR DEDLANITE, AND YOU GET...WELL...
...YOU GET TO MAYBE LIVE ANOTHER DAY.


AND EVERY DAY I GET... IS ANOTHER DAY CLOSER TO MAKING SURE ALDERAAN DIDN'T DIE IN VAIN.
THAT WAS... ALMOST FUN FOR A BIT.
YEAH.
LET'S NEVER DO IT AGAIN.
AGREED.
WE SCAVENGED WHAT WE NEED FROM THE AT-AT TO FIX OUR SHIP. THE REST...
...MAKES A NICE REEF FOR OUR NEW FRIENDS.
FRIENDS WE HOPEFULLY NEVER HAVE TO SEE AGAIN.
AT LEAST NOT UNTIL THIS IS FINISHED. THOUGH FOR US TO DO THAT...

...WE'RE GONNA NEED ALL THE FRIENDS WE CAN GET.
THIS IS A REALLY *TERRIBLE* PLAN, YOU KNOW THAT? EVEN AS FAR AS TERRIBLE PLANS GO.
OH, I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT ME...
RELAX ALREADY. YOU'LL BE FINE.
...*YOU'RE* THE ONE WHO'S NEVER GETTING OFF CORUSCANT ALIVE, *SANA*.
ME? WELL I'LL BE JUST FINE.
YEAH, YOU USUALLY ARE, AREN'T YOU, *LANDO*?
LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH.

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